Hana to Yume COMICS

Aoiro Toshokan

HAYASHI Mikase

I found a very cute dress
Twelve thousand yen?! So expensive?
But I want it! I want that one piece right now!
That day, after school, I decided to take a part-time job
URGENT! PART-TIME WORKER NEEDED.
-1000 yen/hour (can be paid daily)
-Minimum age: 15 years
Maximum age: 30 years
-Terms and conditions for applicants:
People who can respect books.
and I met my destiny
The hourly pay is quite high... and can even be paid daily (excellent!)
The address that is in the brochure

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Blue Library

SLAM
MY NAME IS ASAHINA MAI, AGE 15, FIRST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL.
I'M HERE TO APPLY FOR THE PART-TIME JOB!
Came with brochure in hand.
Eh ?! What is this place? Is it a second hand book shop...?
Wow! Surprising...
home to a librarian that is a known book maniac
and loves all the books there
says it's a private library,
—DON'T TALK SO LOUDLY HERE
PLEASE BE MORE CAREFUL NEXT TIME.
I didn't know that
HMM... ASAHINA-SAN...
part

DO YOU LIKE BOOKS?
YES.
Even though I've only read comics
But if I said that, I would have certainly been rejected
He's the type of person that whispers when he talks
I SEE.
OW
THAT'S VERY GOOD INDEED.
By the way
Why are we so far apart?
Silence
Was I too hasty?
I was lured in by the high hourly wage and the daily pay option
I can't read him at all
THERE'S ONLY ONE CONDITION FOR THIS JOB:
YOU HAVE TO RESPECT AND TAKE CARE OF THESE BOOKS HERE WITH THE UTMOST CARE. CAN YOU DO THAT?
YES
And from that moment onwards
my days working at the library began

The next day
You scared me.
Please give me your assistance
GOOD MORNING!
It's nice today, evening
Closes Book
ASAHINA-SAN
HERE
Rustles
He's very strict
Blood type O
Blood type A?
THESE WILL BE YOUR DUTIES
WHEN YOU'VE FINISHED READING THROUGH IT
I WANT YOU TO HELP ME AIR OUT THE BOOKS
Weather and humidity
EH...?
BUT THAT'S MY NORMAL VOICE
YOU MAY NOT SHOUT HERE
I don't mind if you whisper
THEN PLEASE SPEAK AT 1/3 THE VOLUME.
1/3? HOW MUCH IS THAT?

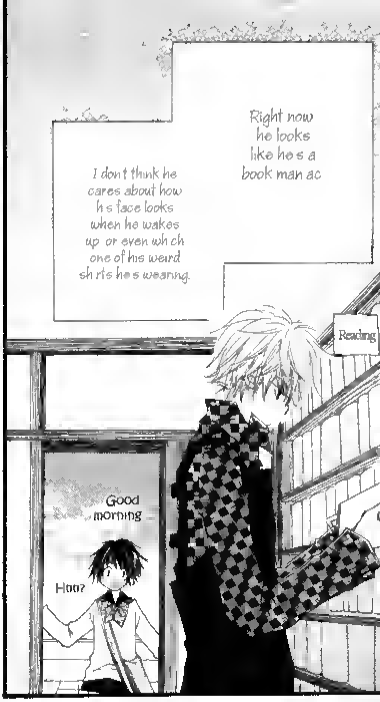
Job Description
Areas of concern
when handling
-protect fro
-examine
-work
Even though this is a private library
He must have Type A blood
The book is here
Found it!
Flip
Flip
What kind of person is he?
DOOR OPENS
GOOD AFTERNOON, SENSEI
"Sense"?
THE BOOK THAT YOU RECOM-MENDED WAS VERY GOOD
THE LANGUAGE USED WAS RATHER OLD-FASHIONED
BUT AS SOON AS I FINISHED READING IT, I WAS OVERCOME WITH PASSION
— I'M GLAD YOU FEEL THAT WAY
That's a good feeling
how could he have collected so many books?
Glances
On top of which, the pay is 250 yen more than most other part-time jobs
So I think the system is like our school library But there aren't any fees

It seems like
This book must be read during autumn
It seems like
I can't read
Why did the old man call him "Sensei"?
Eh
He smiled
AH, THANK YOU
Waist fine!
WAAA!!
He tucked in his shirt
LH—
Here
Sorry I only have this one
YOUR CLOTHES WILL GET DUSTY QUICKLY
WEAR THIS
AH— ASAHINA-SAN

Thus Thus is unbelievable !
I've just seen something terrible
This is worse than my most terrifying night-mares...
Huff
Huff
Huff
EH?
YAN
KS
What's the matter? What happened?
?
DON'T TUCK IN YOUR SHIRT LIKE THAT
Also, the brand-other style belt looks terrible
OH, REALLY?
AH, WHY DO PEOPLE CALL YOU "SENSEI"?
OH
IT'S ONLY THE REGULAR VISITORS' HABIT THEY ARE THE ONES WHO STARTED CALLING ME SENSEI
IT DOESN'T REALLY MEAN ANYTHING
YES IT DOES
You must be the book cover with soft cloth
She can't remember such a name
SENSEI!
Shimo?
Shimo ?
MY NAME IS SHIMOKOMORIYA, SHIMOKOMORIYA ASAGI
22 years old
Ah, yeah
CAN YOU PLEASE TELL ME YOUR NAME THEN?
And your age too
YOU CAN JUST CALL ME SENSEI

Is Sensei here!?
AH YES I'LL BE THERE IN A MINUTE
ha ha ha~
WHAT'S THE MATTER, ASAHINA-SAN?
At school my friends just call me "Hina."
SENSEI,
AH, I SEE
SENSEI!
SENSEI!
SENSEI!
It's my first day being a part-timer
I'm sort of interested in books and this Sensei person
And, of course, the pay's great!
WOW! 3000 YEN!
3000 yen more and I can afford she dress!!
Three days later
I already learned so many things and I really like it here
door opens
Ah... Welcome, Hina-chan
Ah, Yoshida san! Good afternoon!
Private Library
So this library is called the Aoyo Toshokan.
I think I understand Sensei a little better

Ah~ again, Sensei is in his own world


Right now he looks like he's a book man ac
I don't think he cares about how his face looks when he wakes up or even which one of his weird shirts he's wearing.
Reading
Good morning
Hooz

To Sensei work like this is a gift from heaven
Choosing the books fixing them
IT'S TORN!
CAN IT BE FIXED?
IT STILL CAN BE FIXED

Listening to the regulars reviews on the books
Ah Sensei
Have you found that book yet?
Hmm The book is already out of print
It's lost?
Inputting data
He looks very happy
ASAHINA-SAN, WHAT KIND OF BOOKS DO YOU READ?
Umm
I THINK I'M NOT GOOD WITH THAT KIND OF THING
WE DID PLIKE LITERATURE IN MODERN JAPANESE CLASS~
WHY?
Eh? Lately I've been reading only comics
Wow he rarely ever talks to me

ASAHINA-SAN
IT'S LIKE THE TEXT IS SHOUTING AT ME "IF YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND ME, THEN DON'T BOTHER READING!"
I don't think Sensei can understand that feeling
YOU HAVE A VERY INTERESTING WAY OF THINKING
I THINK THAT'S A VALID INTERPRETATION
One more thing that I've learned
Sensei is not a person who likes to oppose people's opinion
Read
Ah. Hina's also
This must be why everyone always feels happy talking to him
CAN YOU PLEASE MOVE ASIDE?
EHEM...
SENSEI!
Please come back to this world!
SENSEI!
EH?
EHH?! KODAMA?
LIWAHH!
SOTH!
Ah, right! I made an appointment for today
HEY, YOU!
You're the new part-timer here, right?

I'M BORROWING SENSEI FOR A WHILE
WE'RE HAVING A VERY IMPORTANT CONVERSATION, SO PLEASE DON'T DISTURB US
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF THE LIBRARY
door closing
Uwaaa
...
Wh... what kind of relationship do they have?!
What's with the touching?!
dokkun
dokkun
dokkun
And he banned me from entering that room!!
Sensei's Cheeks turned red!!
Hina! Please put the stamp here!
← A fifteen years old girl's wild imagination
← Elementary school kids
I can never understand what is in Sensei's mind!
HINA! PLEASE WORK PROPERLY!
EH?!
Uwaa!!
← Elementary kid
I bought the dress!!
It's finally mine~~
Ash th happ ness
I want to share this happiness with someone!!
Bounce
Bounce
Bounce
Finally...!!
waves lapping

Waa ha ha ha
Sorry because I'm so happy, I couldn't stop myself
So I put it on right away and wore it to work
But, what will Sensei say about this?
I'm too naive if I expect him to say anything
stares
This is about Sensei, by the way that Sensei
That guy who doesn't even care about the way he looks
YES?
WHAT'S WRONG?
IS THERE... ANYTHING THAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT ME TODAY?
... DID SOMETHING CHANGE?
I ASKED FIRST...
SENSEI?
AH... THAT'S RIGHT
EVEN THOUGH I CAME HERE AFTER SCHOOL, TODAY I'M WEARING CASUAL CLOTHES
See?
It's cute
AND ALSO I'VE BEEN EYEING THIS DRESS FOR A LONG TIME
I JUST BOUGHT IT EARLIER TODAY WITH MY PART-TIME SALARY
HOW IS IT?!
AH...

YOUR UNIFORM REALLY SUITS YOU
BUT YOU LOOK CUTE IN CASUAL CLOTHES AS WELL
PIOP
Owww ASAHINA-SAN!
He cheats!
I started working this part time job

for a dress that I really wanted

But now I seems that I have fallen in love with this job

HEY, HINA!
WHY ARE YOU MAKING AN APRON? WHEN WILL YOU WEAR IT?
I'LL WEAR IT AT MY PART-TIME JOB
Cut Cut
↑Likes clothes
YOURS IS RED RIGHT?
DON'T YOU FIND IT A BIT FLASHY?
You work in a library, right?
MAYBE...
AFTER ALL, SENSEI USUALLY WEARS A DIRTY BLACK APRON.
I wouldn't like it if I was told to wear that apron ...
ooh
ASAHINA-SAN! IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE MADE PROGRESS
YES
AH—
Sensei!
CAN I USE THIS KIND OF PATTERN FOR MEN- I MEAN FOR MY FATHER?
...
OF COURSE JUST MAKE IT A BIT LONGER
We well
If he keeps wearing that dirty apron the books I'm worried about the books
Right ?

What kind of fabric should I use?!
Cotton fabric 300yen/meter Perfect!
Already spent an hour to choose the fabric
If I don't choose quickly, I'll be late for work
I wonder
What color suits Sense best?!
He ususlly wears those peculiar shirts...
Hmm
Aah! Whatever! Anyhow I have to pick out a good color!!
I'll choose something nice!!
ah
Blue
Sense will definitely look good in blue

IT'S VERY QUIET
I've gotten sleepy
door sliding
WHATEVER HAPPENS, PLEASE DON'T COME IN
ooh
Does Sensei think that he is a crane?!
It's all Sensei's fault
Why does he have to lock himself up inside the
"TIN "Crane "a story about a Crane that pays her gratitude by transforming into a beautiful princess and making fabrics for the man who saved her! fe
sets
EH?
JUST LET HIM BE FOR A LITTLE WHILE MORE
AH
BUT WHAT ABOUT THAT PERSON OVER THERE?
SENSEI! IT'S ALREADY PAST THE CLOSING TIME NOW
PASTE PASTE
flip

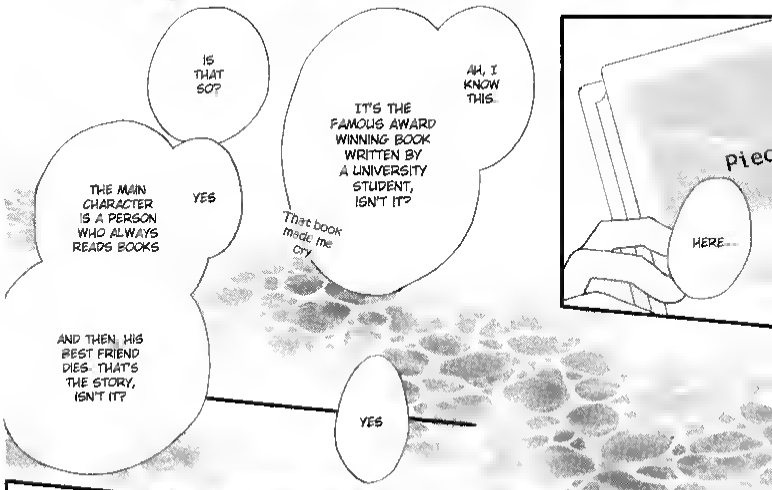
liked anyone who loves books unconditionally
This book is so thick.
— Isn't there an easy book I could read
Oh
Sensei has always
This one's not too thick
The print is also quite big
Maybe I can read this
flip
flip
flip
flip
flip

HINA-SAN, WHAT ARE YOU READING?
Where is Sensei?
YUP...
He's locked himself inside
WAH...
DID YOU PICK THAT BOOK YOURSELF?
YES...
WHY?
IT'S A GOOD CHOICE.
THIS BOOK IS GOOD FOR READING IN AUTUMN.
DOES THAT MEAN THAT THIS BOOK IS INTERESTING?
Wah, I made the right choice!
YOU WILL HAVE TO DECIDE THAT FOR YOURSELF AFTER YOU FINISH READING THIS BOOK
I'M JUST SAYING THAT...
I THINK A GOOD BOOK...
IS THAT SO?
Fun
IT'S THAT KIND OF BOOK
WILL MAKE YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE STORY WITH OTHER PEOPLE AFTER READING IT.
Ooh

AH...
YUUKEN-SAN, WHY WAS THIS LIBRARY NAMED "BLUE LIBRARY"?
Private Library Blue Library
FOUNDER? YOU MEAN, SENSEI?
NO. THE FOUNDER OF THIS PLACE IS SENSEI'S GRANDFATHER.
HE WAS JUST LIKE SENSEI. HE REALLY LOVED BOOKS
WELL, THAT'S BECAUSE THE FOUNDER OF THIS LIBRARY REALLY LOVED THE COLOR OF THE SKY AND THE SEA
THAT'S THE ORIGIN OF THE NAME
HE WANTED HIS BOOK COLLECTION TO BE READ BY MANY OTHER PEOPLE
THAT'S WHY HE STARTED THIS LIBRARY
BUT HE DIED TWO YEARS AGO
AFTER THAT, SENSEI INHERITED THIS LIBRARY
SENSEI COMES FROM A FAMILY OF READERS
IT'S PASSED DOWN THROUGH THE GENERATIONS
SO IT IS LIKE THAT
THANK YOU FOR THE STORY
A HA HA, THANKS FOR LISTENING TO ME

Ooh
IT'S DONE!!
THE BLUE APRON SPECIAL UNIFORM FOR THE LIBRARY!!
The blue apron special uniform for the library
IT'S ...
What will
Sensei say?
WOW!!
HINA IS READING A BOOK DURING THE LUNCH BREAK!!!
You guys!
Silent
Waaaah!

Waa!
Waa!
Waa!
Waa
Waa!
Waa!
Waa!
Because the one reading is Hina
Jun-e
Ehhh?! Really?
IS IT REALLY SO SHOCKING THAT I'M READING A BOOK...?
BY THE WAY, WHAT ARE YOU READING?


IS THAT SO?
AH, I KNOW THIS.
IT'S THE FAMOUS AWARD WINNING BOOK WRITTEN BY A UNIVERSITY STUDENT, ISN'T IT?
That book made me cry
YES
THE MAIN CHARACTER IS A PERSON WHO ALWAYS READS BOOKS
AND THEN, HIS BEST FRIEND DIES. THAT'S THE STORY, ISN'T IT?
YES
HERE...

BECAUSE OF THAT, HE WAS ABLE TO BREAK FREE FROM THE CHAIN OF SADNESS THAT HAD BOUND HIM FOR SO LONG
THE IMPORTANT THINGS THAT WERE LEFT FOR HIM BY HIS DECEASED FRIEND
ONE BY ONE HE FOUND...
WITHIN HIS PILE OF BOOKS

Hi or perhaps I should say nice to meet you It's Hayashi Mikase

This is my 3rd comic book! I'm so delighted! Many thanks to you !!I keep working hard This is all because of your support. *sob* I love you all!

"Aoiro Toshokan" is basically me stuffing everything that I like into the manga (LOL) A library Japanese house sailor uniform fancy shirts, kinky hair glasses Am I all right? You think I'm getting excited all by myself?

What else... I wanted to use the waves screen tone so I came up with a setting where the library is by the sea side Seems like I was drawing things as I wish but at the same time everything turned out fine and I really enjoyed myself And and then I hear people say that there were only grandpas, grandmas and kiddies in the library Well I like them ^^

I wrote "Aoiro Toshokan" as a one-shot in between my previous comic "Chikyuu Koushinkyoku 1" and "CK2 When I mentioned that I would love to be able to continue drawing "AT", my editor gave me a green light. My dream came true I'm truly happy!! (Hence from chapter 2 the pictures are a bit different)

It feels like a mother bird watching her child fly away from the nest
WE WON'T BOTHER YOU AGAIN. JUST CONTINUE ON YOUR READING OKAY?
NEVER-MIND
I JUST GOT TO THAT PART.
I'm almost done
You're growing up
HUH?
While reading, I kept thinking
There comes a warm and gentle feeling
From the chain of words in this book
"In my opinion a good book."
Aoi Sensei
Flip

Part
Part
Part
talk to someone
SENSEI!
Part
Part
Part
I WILL GO DOWN THERE! PLEASE WAIT FOR A WHILE!!
And from the first time
I want to talk
will make you want to talk about the story with other people after reading it. It's that kind of book

YUP. THAT'S RIGHT
Today I will work with full spirit!
no one but Sensei comes to mind
I BORROWED THIS BOOK FROM THE LIBRARY AND READ IT
pieces
WHY DID YOU CHOOSE THAT BOOK?
MY CHOICE WAS PERFECT!
BECAUSE IT IS NOT TOO THICK AND THE PRINT IS BIG.
WELCOME BACK FROM SCHOOL, ASAHINA-SAN

WHILE READING THIS BOOK
I KEEP THINKING OF YOU!
Uhm... How do I say this...
IT'S REALLY CALMING...
AND IT FEELS, AS IF SOMETHING PRETTY STARTS RAINING DOWN...
WARM...
ANYWAY, IT'S SIMILAR TO SENSEI!
THE SENTENCES IN THAT BOOK...
ARE REALLY CHILDISH AND AWKWARD.
READING THAT BOOK MAKES ME FEEL EMBARRASSED.
EH? YOU DON'T LIKE THIS BOOK, SENSEI?
YOU COULD PUT IT THAT WAY
BECAUSE THAT IMMATURITY WILL ALWAYS...

...CONTINUE TO HAUNT ME, IN MY HEART
THE OTHER ME...
The other me?
Pieces of the Heart
by Shimokomoriya Asagi
THE MEANING OF "THE OTHER ME"?
THAT BOOK IS MY WORK
The one in your hands
Huh?
Ehhh?!!
So you wrote this?
Huh?? So Sensei is indeed a writer??
Stands Up
Ahh That's why people always call you as Sensei !!
YES
DIDN'T I TELL YOU BEFORE?
But my name is written there on that book
You didn't say anything to me!!
Your name is so long! I forgot it a long time ago

dokkun
dokkun
dokkun
dokkun
If he is a novelist maybe he does have a boyfriend !!
Uwaah the adult world is full of secrets
It sees person's heart thumping!!
uncontrollable
IT REALLY SUITS SHIMOKO-MORIYA'S PERSONALITY DOESN'T IT?
THAT KIND OF ATTI-TUDE...
Uwaah! It's Sensei's lover!
Good afternoon Kodama-san
HUH?
What do you mean?
HEY KID.
DON'T GO OFF IMAGINING WEIRD THINGS.
Ouch
YES. NO I WON'T
hit
Editor from the publishing press
WELL. IT'S OKAY AS LONG IT IS SHIMOKO-MORIYA
HEY KID
It'll be a while
WHILE I'M TAKING CARE OF MY BUSI-NESS WITH SHIMOKO-MORIYA...
YOU SHOULD WORK PROPERLY!
?!!
Oh right! Part-time job!!
There is no one waiting for the library!

Okay, now back to work
I can give it to Sensei as soon as he gets back.
If I put it here...
Aaron
Aaron
Hey, Sensei~
The school library wrap their books in plastic
If we covered ours, they wouldn't get dirty or torn
Clean
Clean
After being read by so many people it is normal for books to get dirty or damaged
We don't have to do that here.
And as a reward, we can learn how to appreciate books
If it gets like that we just have to fix it
HUH?! WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
A book store?
I DON'T KNOW...

THIS IS A LIBRARY
IT'S AGAINST THE RULES TO BRING FOOD AND DRINKS
Is the same rules everywhere right?!
HUH?!
You're being loud
I just said, food and drink are not allowed! Put that away!
The room is so old fashioned
Aah
Let's check it out first
Hmph!
HEY, YOU TWO!
IT'S OKAY, RIGHT? AFTER ALL WE ARE JUST LOOKING
That's not the problem.
you can't have food and drinks in here!!
YA
Let me go!!
NK
Oh no

Napkins..!!
The apron!!
TAKE
wipe
wipe
Quick..!
The book.
Splash
SFX

If I'm not quick

then the stain will

Wipe

There's only one condition

She was the one who grabbed my hand

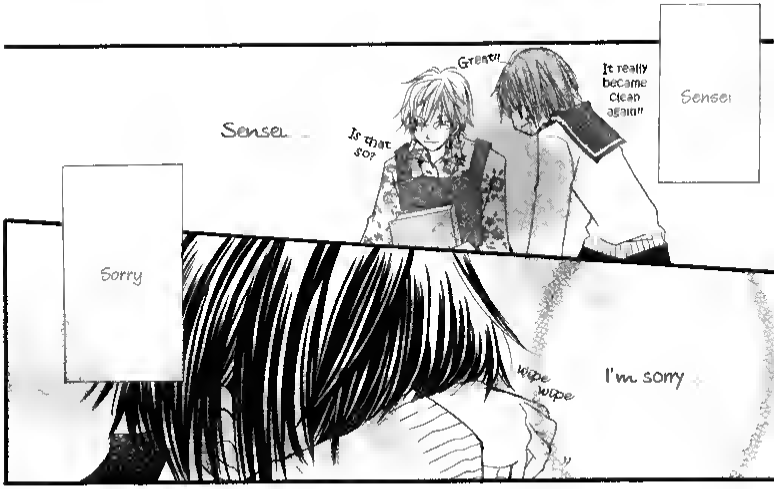
Huh?

Is everything okay?!

Please appreciate those books

There is no explanation

that could excuse dirtying a book.



Leave!!
SFX: PULL
UWAAH!
SFX: SLAM
AS ASAHINA SAID...
PLEASE LEAVE THIS PLACE IMMEDIATELY!
CREAK

ASAHINA-SAN
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
whew
click
Sensei
Sensei
YOU'RE A GIRL
PLEASE DON'T EXERT YOURSELF TOO MUCH
It felt like my heart skipped a beat when I saw you earlier
Sensei
SORRY...
ABOUT THE BOOK?
YES.
FORTUNATELY, THE DAMAGED BOOK IS "PIECES OF HEART."
DON'T WORRY, I STILL HAVE A FEW MORE COPIES

YOU REALLY TREASURE THESE BOOKS, DON'T YOU
I WANT TO THANK YOU...
ACTUALLY...
THANK YOU, ASAHINA-SAN
HUH?
UM... Apron
Never mind then. I'll buy more fabric and make another one
COULD IT BE THAT... YOU WIPED THE BOOK WITH THAT FABRIC...?
HUH?
Isn't that your apron...?
PLEASE SHOW IT TO ME

Kodama, this is—
IT LOOKS LIKE IT WILL BE HARD TO REMOVE THE STAIN
THIS IS—
Wah—
??!!
...
ASAHINA-SAN! I WILL REPLACE THIS WITH A NEW ONE!!
Eh?!
NO NEED! ANYWAY, THAT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE
WHY?
?!
GRAB
THIS IS FOR ME?
No... don't!!
The apron is dirty now!!
IT'S OKAY
How is it okay?
No matter how you look at it, it's ruined
They look like they're having fun—
Why is it—
THIS IS JUST A RAG I MADE. I WAS PLANNING TO GIVE IT TO YOU.
This is so embarressing.
Wa ha ha
Eh?
HERE, SEE THIS
IT'S OKAY

looks really good on Sensei
a ha ha
YES.
IS IT GOOD?
Somehow I feel kind of strange myself
The weird thing is
that black stained blue apron

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Desperate to get her hands on a gown she saw on her way home from school, Hina jumps into "Aoiro Toshokan" for a part-time work. There, she ends up working under the Library Director who is also an author known as Shimokomoriya. Thus begins Hina's "boring" days with the handful Sensei. Also included is a one-shot titled "2-nen H-gumi Gakkou no Susume"

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